25th June 2015

This is my last newsletter entry as Acting Principal of the school. It is a very different role to the one I am used to and has been quite an experience! I have learnt so much in this position and I have also been able to see during this time, how dedicated all the staff are at Flinders Island District. Teachers work above and beyond what is required of them to ensure students are receiving a quality teaching and learning program. The grounds and classrooms are always immaculate thanks to the work of groundsmen and cleaners. The aides work to support student learning as well as maintain the kitchen garden program. The office staff are forever busy taking calls and ensuring everything in the school is maintained. These are only a few jobs the staff actually do; there is so much more but I would run out of pages. We work well as a team and are united for the students, parents and community. There is so much that happens at the school that parents aren’t always aware of, but please be assured when a decision is made it is always made with the best interest of the students at heart. I want to thank the staff who have supported me while in this position and I am very grateful to you all. I want to say how fantastic the students are at this
school; they are generally polite, enthusiastic and hardworking, and I have enjoyed being able to mingle more among other age groups. Thank you also to those in the community who supported me in this role. It has been challenging at times, but some of the kind words of appreciation I have received has made it all the better. I would encourage members of the community to give positive feedback when they see something great happening at the school. It would certainly brighten a staff member’s day! Next term, Holly Barnewall will be Acting Principal for the first five weeks and Rhianna Barnewall and Gary Sykes will be back filling her position in that time. Thank you to these people for taking on new roles and helping the school to continue with business as usual. I won’t be here when Stuart takes on his new role, but I wish him all the best as principal of Flinders Island District High School.
I will be taking a year off to spend time with my children and will look forward to being back in the classroom doing what I love.

Thank you,
Nicole Jones
Acting Principal

School Association:

As President of the School Association I would like to thank Ms Nicole Jones for her dedication to students and staff whilst undertaking the role of Acting Principal. All the best Nikki and Leigh as you venture into parenthood again.
The Flinders Lions Club has started a fund raising project to support the purchase of a defibrillator to be placed at the school. Please support this project and a huge thank you to the Lions members for supporting the school with this project.
The next meeting of the Association is on the 11th August, 7.00 pm at the School.

Carol Cox
President.
Key Dates for 2015

29th & 30th June
Parent Teacher Interviews

29th June to 3rd July
NAIDOC week

Thurs 2nd July
End of Term Assembly 2 pm

Fri 3rd July
Term 2 ends

Tues 11th August
School Association Meeting
7.00pm at the School

Monday 20th July
Term 3 Starts

22nd – 28th August
Book Week

Year 10 Transition Trip

Here are some photos of the year 10’s on their transition trip.

Looking good at the Australian Maritime College Survival Centre

Checking out Aurora Stadium and the Northern Bombers Football Club.

School Holiday Use of Facilities
Could any community groups or individuals wishing to use the school facilities or borrow school equipment in the school holiday period please contact the office to organise prior as the school will be closed during some of this time.
Parent-Teacher Interviews
Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th June
We strongly encourage all parents to have an interview as this is a great way to discuss your child’s learning, and how to move them on in the future. These meetings involve the sharing of information about learning outcomes through open communication. They provide an important opportunity to share information about your child’s progress, interests and needs. They also provide an opportunity to foster positive and respectful relationships between home and school.
Information regarding parent-teacher interviews was sent home with reports. If you did not receive this information, please contact the office. An information pamphlet, produced by the State School Parents and Friends Association is included with this newsletter, which includes helpful hints for parents attending parent-teacher interviews. This pamphlet provides information to parents about preparation for the interview, the questions they might like to ask at the interview and how to follow up after the meeting.
If you haven’t booked in for a meeting time please contact the school office ASAP.

Junior Football

July School Holidays
Sat, July 4th – Football On
Sat, July 11th – No Football
Sat, July 18th – No Football
Sat, July 25th – Football On
Grand Final will be held on Saturday, 29th August
Any queries Ring Martin 0427599778

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